

# Agency Update

Idaho Department of Fish and Game



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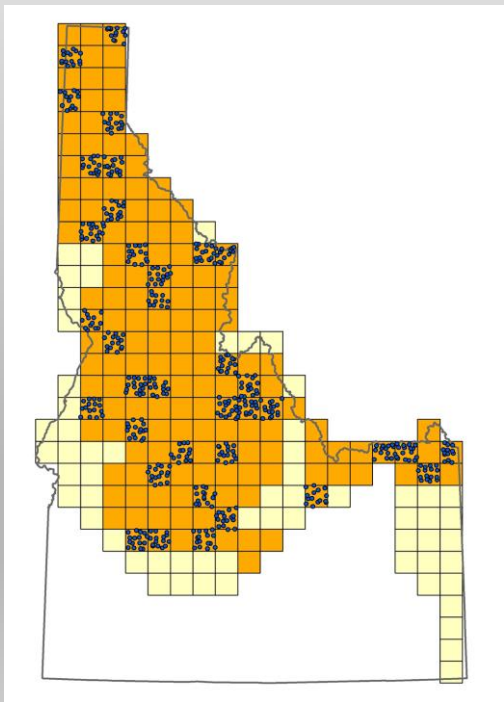
All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.“

It shall be the authority, power and duty of the fish and game commission to administer and carry out the policy of the state in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho fish and game code.

(Section 36-103, Idaho Code)

# Wolf Management

## Wolf Abundance



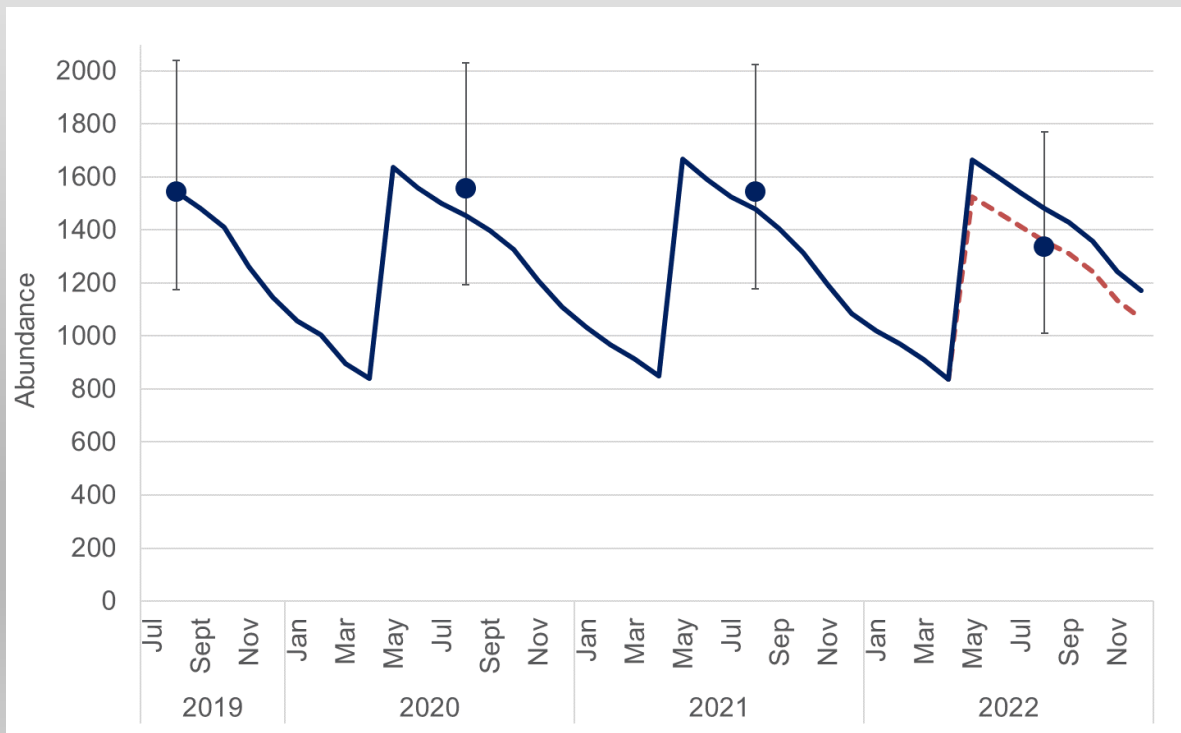
### Measured Through Use of Trail Cameras

#### Estimate on August 1<sup>st</sup>

- 2019 – 1,545 (1,175 to 2,040)
- 2020 – 1,556 (1,193 to 2,031)
- 2021 – 1,543 (1,177 to 2,024)
- 2022 – 1,337 (1,010 to 1,771)

# Wolf Management

## Wolf Abundance – Projection and Seasonal Overlay



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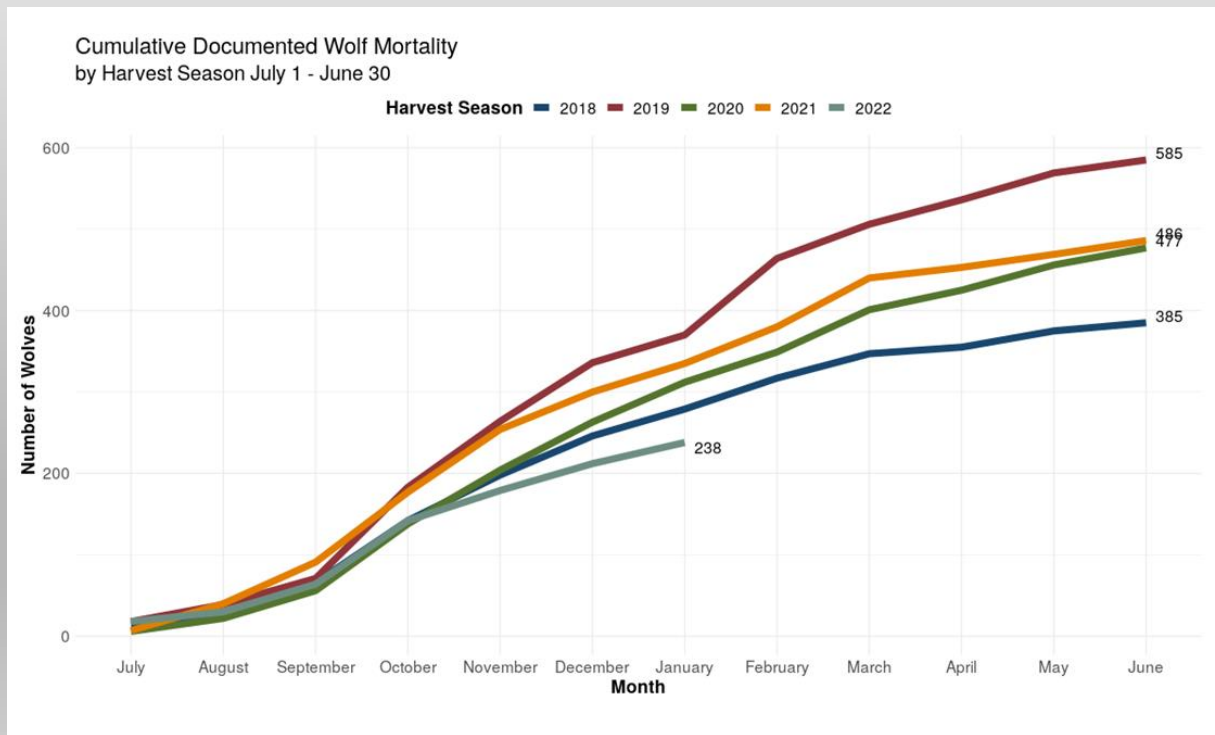
## Wolf Capture/Collaring/Harvest

- 2022-2023 WDCB Wolf Capture
- Mortality as of 1/30/2023
- Wolf Harvest by Sportsman
- F4WM Reimbursements
- Expanded Seasons and Methods

Total # of wolves taken through trapping and hunting	Total # of individual sportsmen
1	113
2	17
3	8
4	7
6	2
7	1
8	1

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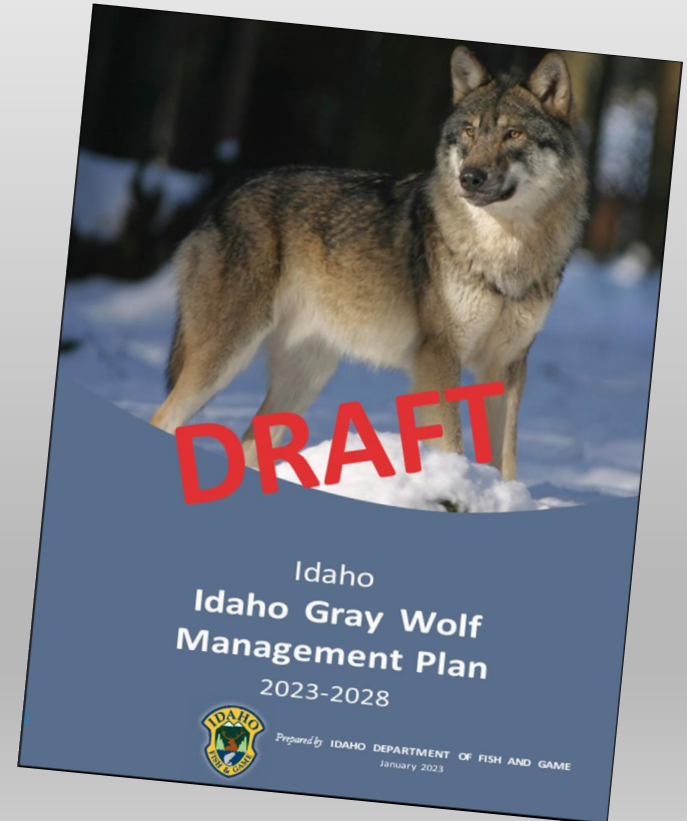
## Wolf Mortality



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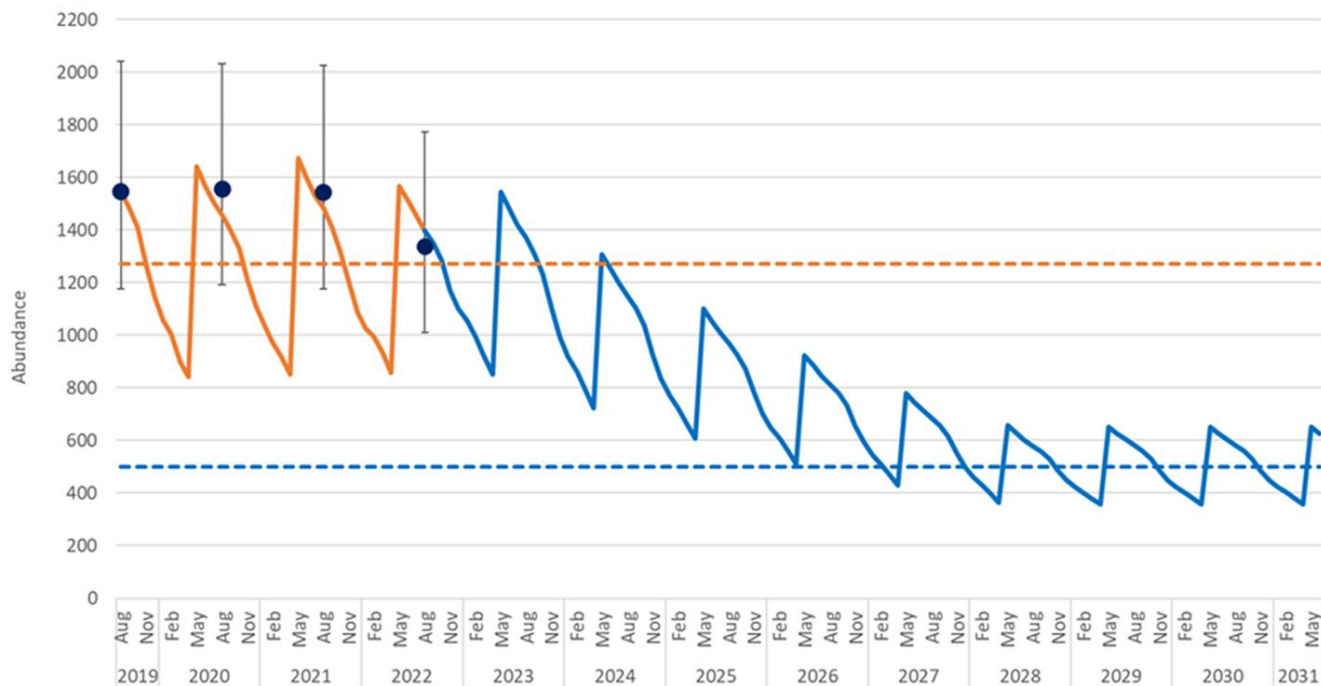
## Wolf Management Plan

1. Manage for a **stable, well-distributed, self-sustaining wolf population** in suitable habitat that fluctuates around an average of 500 animals annually by end of planning cycle.
2. **Monitor wolf population annually** to assess mortality, abundance, and reproduction. Continue to improve wolf monitoring techniques.
3. **Reduce wolf depredations** on livestock.
4. **Reduce wolf predation** on ungulate populations that are not meeting management objectives.



# Wolf Management

## Wolf Management Plan in Action





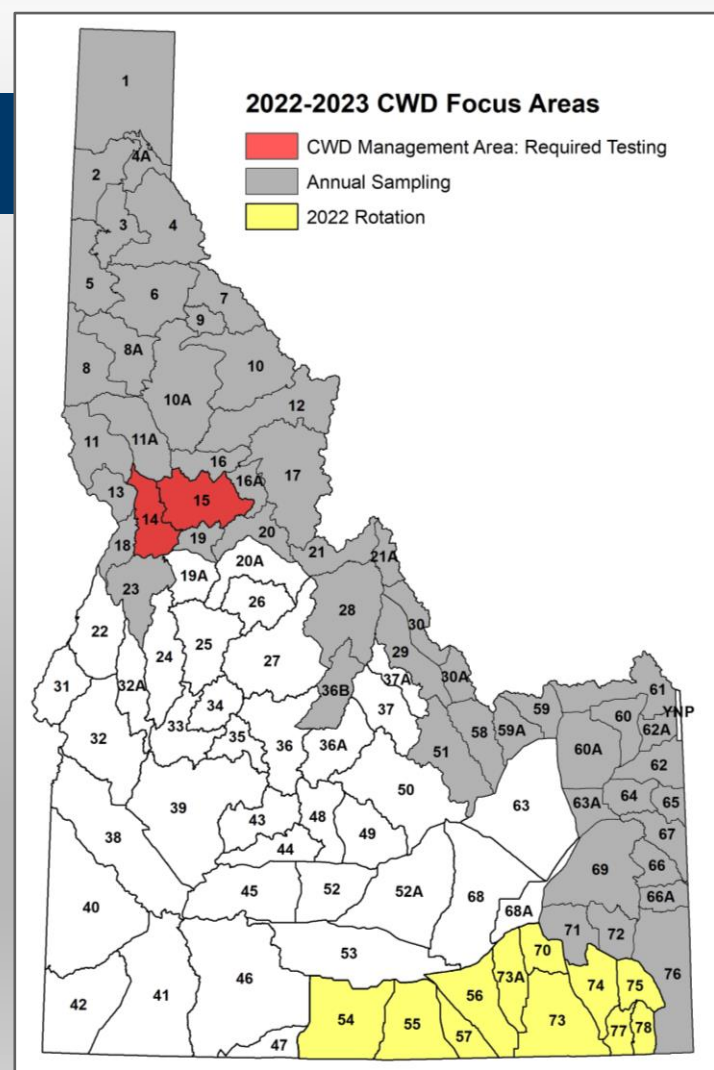
# Chronic Wasting Disease



# CWD Surveillance

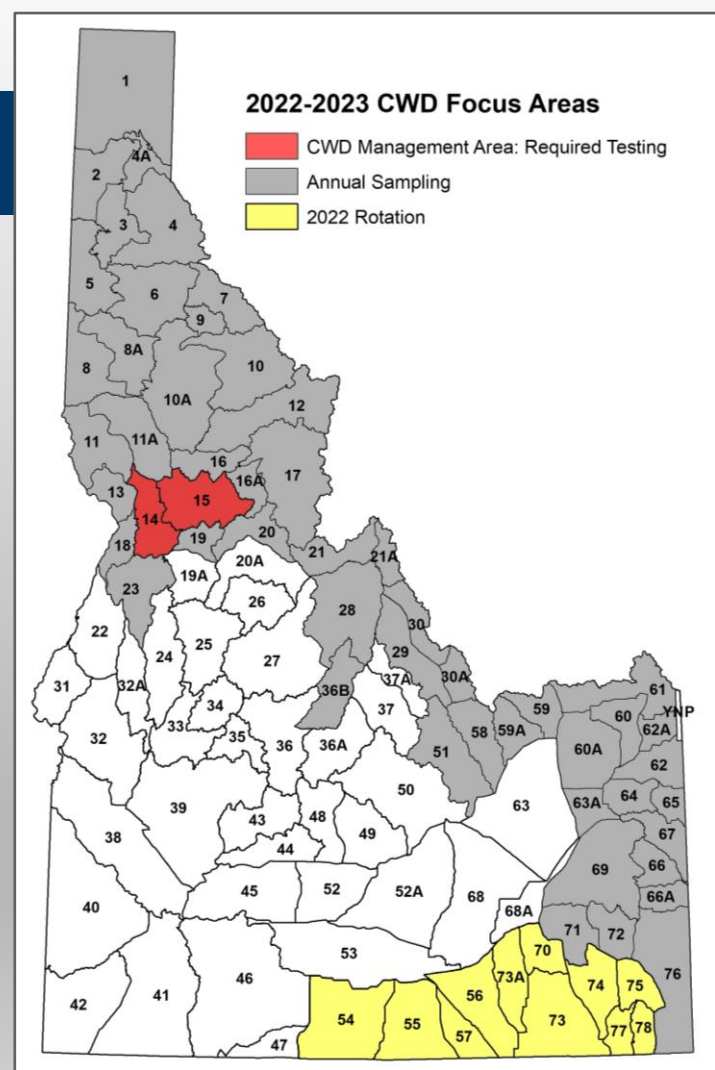
2021 Strategy for CWD: Directs IDFG to prioritize reducing CWD impacts in Idaho through **surveillance**, prevention, and management

- Weighted surveillance
- 3-year rotation based on deer populations



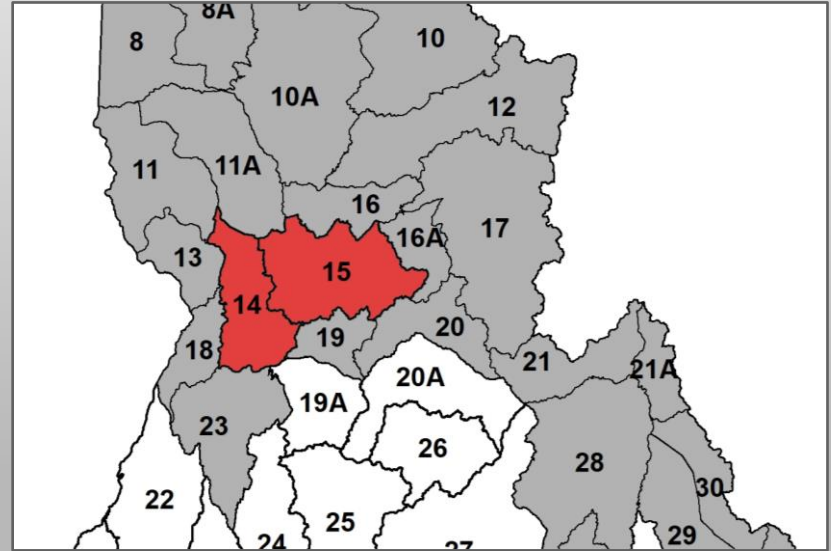
# CWD- Excluding CWD Management Zone

- Current Status (July 1 – present)
- 1,880 samples statewide
  - Mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, and moose
- 1,810 Negative
- 70 Pending
- 0 Positive

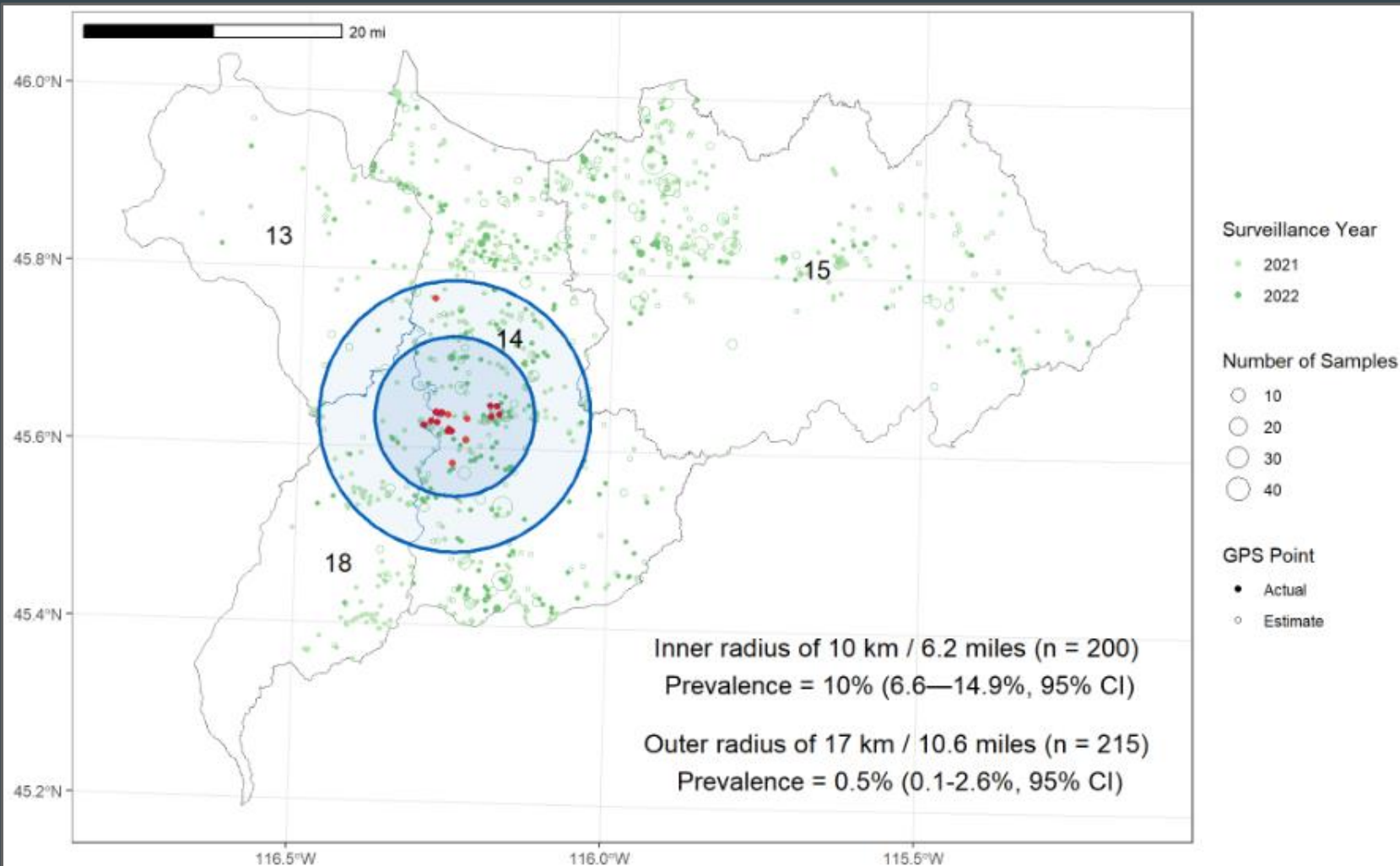


# CWD Results – CWD Management Zone (Units 14 & 15)

- Current Status (July 1 – present)
  - 1,291 samples
    - Mule deer: 253
    - White-tailed deer: 780
    - Elk: 256
    - Moose: 2
  - 1,268 Negative
  - 8 Pending
  - 15 Positive





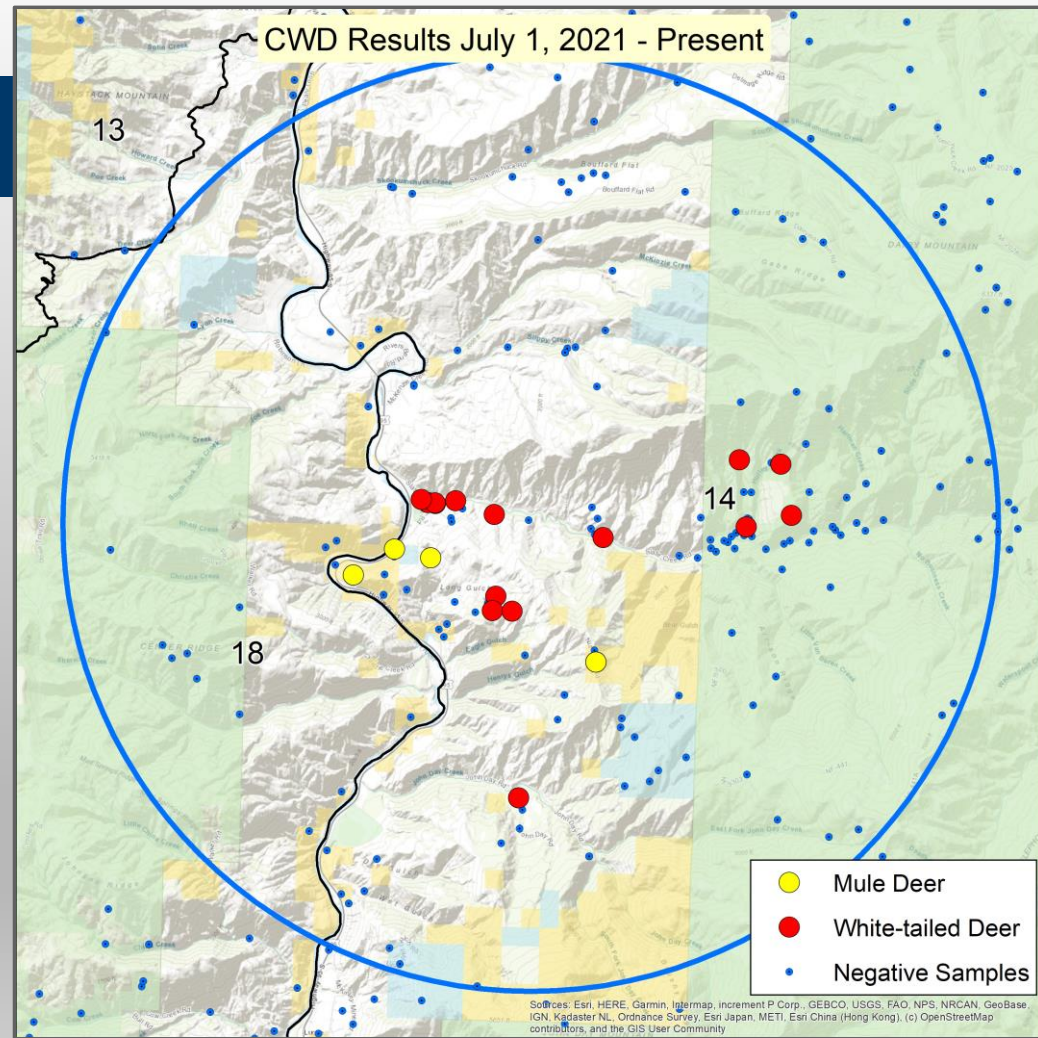




# CWD Surveillance – Unit 14

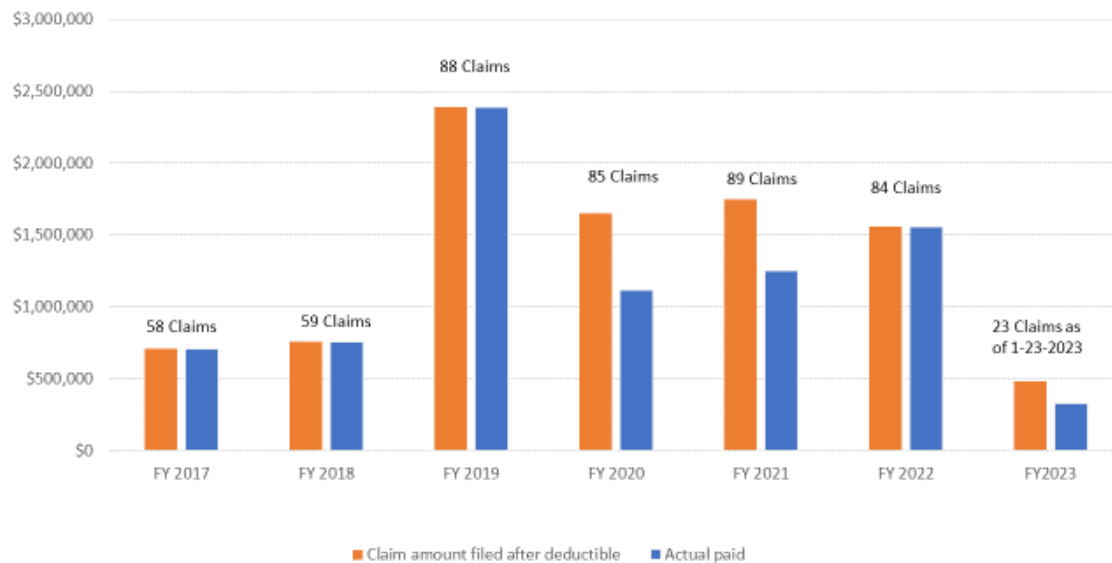
## 2021 Strategy for CWD:

- Identifies potential actions to reduce the spread of CWD
  - I. CWD Containment
  - II. Localized Eradication
  - III. Hot Spot Management



# Depredation

Depredation Claims 2017-2023





# Depredation

## Department Prevention

- Controlled Hunts
- Landowner Permission Hunts
- Depredation Hunts
- Kill Permits
- Stack Yard Construction
- Seeding & Planting of Public Lands



# Depredation

## Weekly Depredation, Winter Condition, and Emergency Feeding

Week of 1-22-23 to 1-29-23		
Region	New Big Game Depredations	Winter Feeding
1	2	0
2	2	0
3	3	0
4	4	1
5	20	0
6	10	2
7	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>

Note: In addition to big game depredations, new turkey depredations were reported in Region 5 (2)

# Hunting as a Management Tool - Deer & Elk Hunting in Idaho



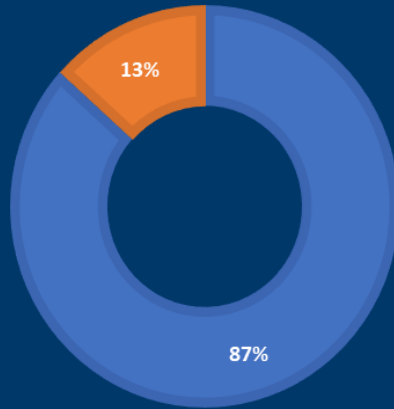
- Hunting Options: General Season/Controlled/Capped
- Game Management Units vs. Elk Zones
- Season Setting Process
- Resident vs. Non-resident



# Hunting as a Management Tool – Nonresident Tags

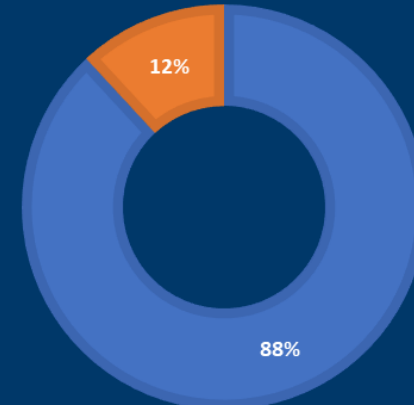
## RESIDENT VS. NONRESIDENT ELK TAGS

■ Resident Elk Tags ■ Nonresident Elk Tags

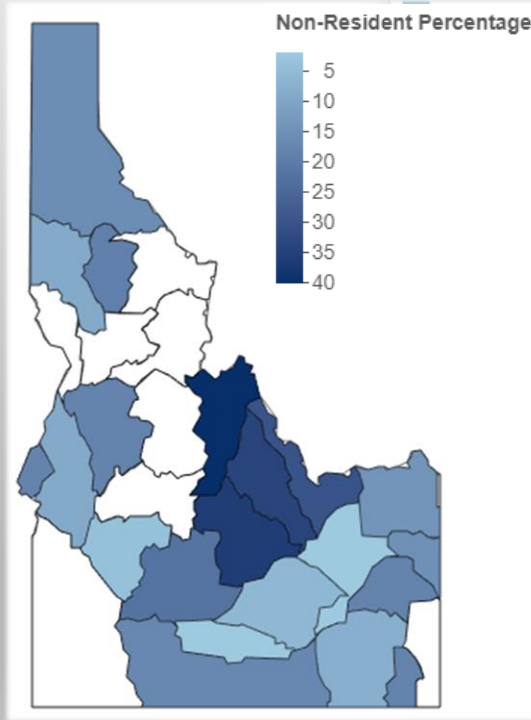


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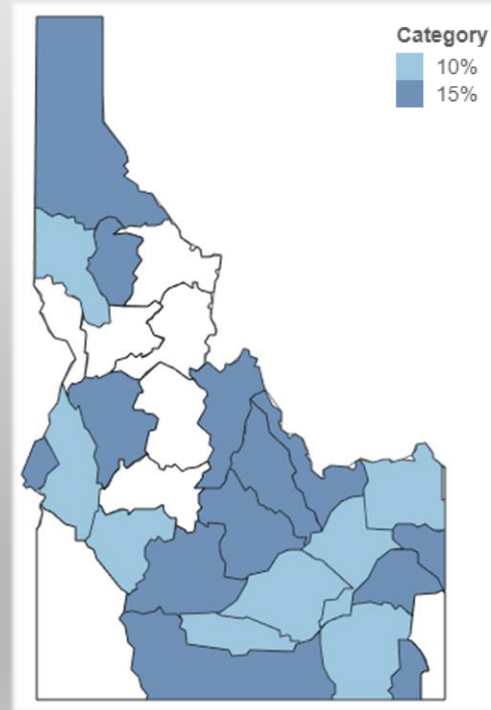
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# Implementing Sliding Scale: A Tags

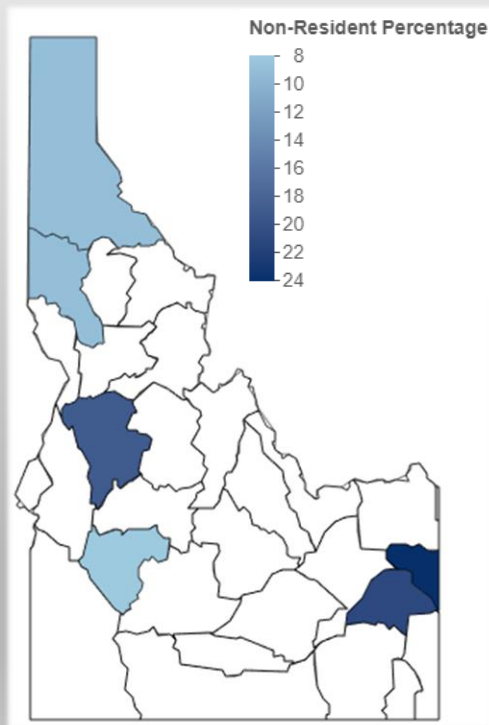


Before: 5 yr Average % NR

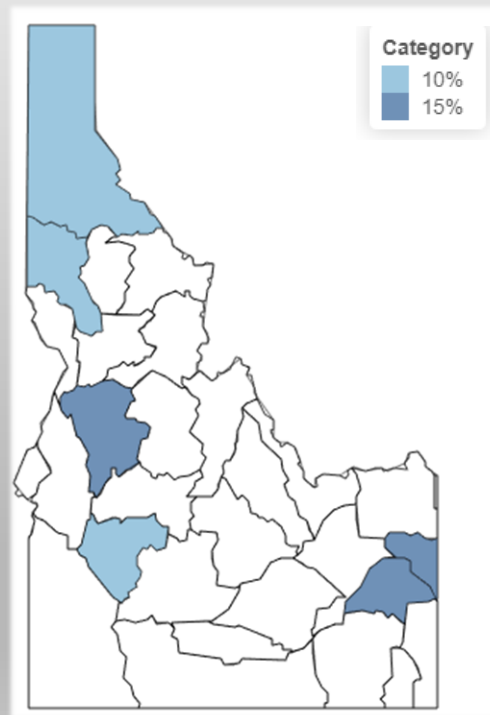


After (Table 1)

# Implementing Sliding Scale: B Tags

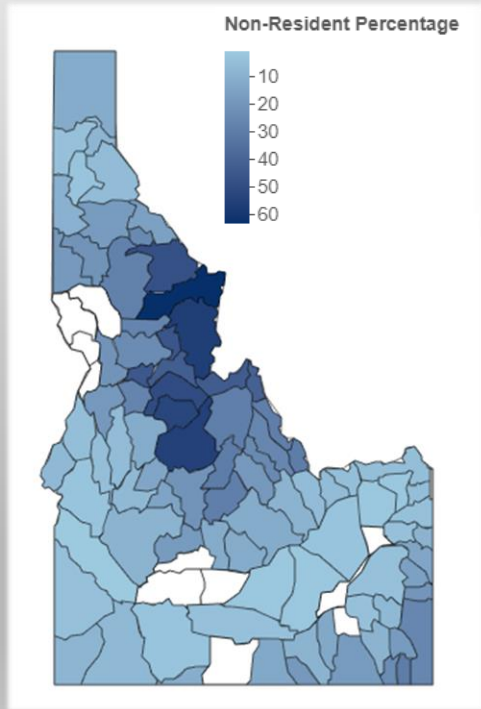


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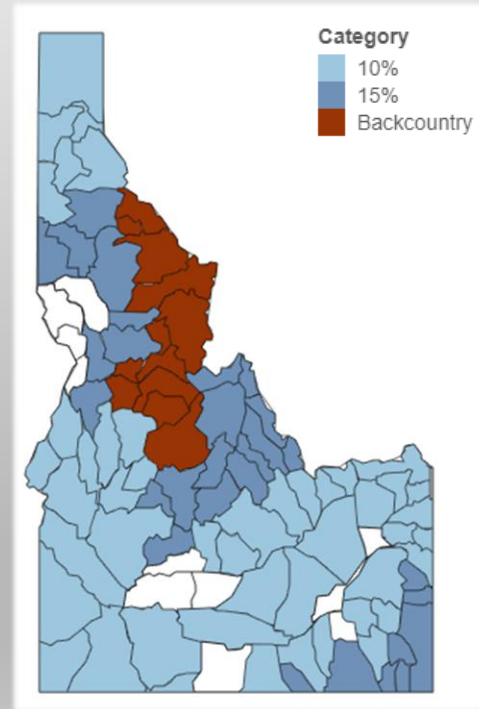


After (Table 2)

# Sliding Scale: NR Regular deer tags

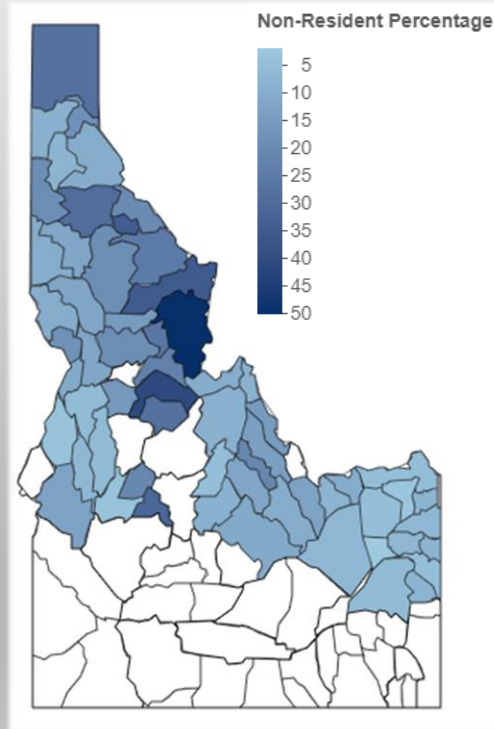


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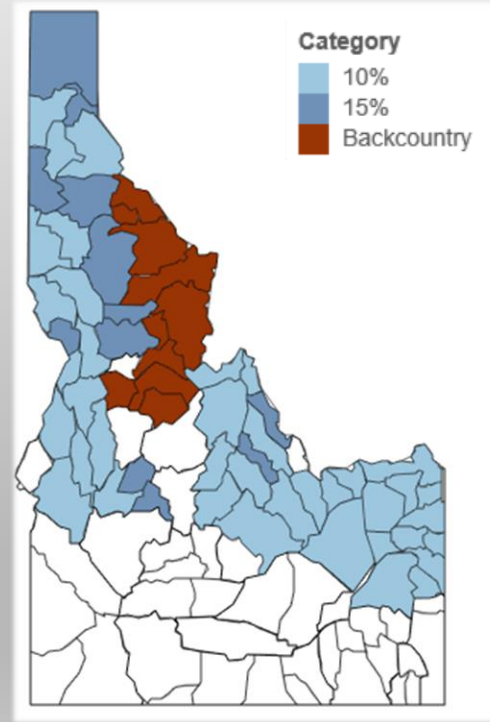


After. (Table 3)

# Sliding Scale: NR White-tailed deer tags



Before: 5 yr Average % NR



After. (Table 4)



**Thank you!**

**Any Questions?**